Leader: 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto Thee.

Response: **2 Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline Thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.**

Leader: 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

Response: **4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.**

Leader: 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

Response: **6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.**

Leader: 7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

Response: **8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.**

Leader: 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Response: **10 Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath: for Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.**

Leader: 11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

Response: **12 But Thou, O Lord, shall endure for ever; and Thy remembrance unto all generations.**

Leader: 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Response: **14 For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.**

Leader: 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Response: **16 When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.**

Leader: 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Response: **18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.**

Leader: 19 For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

Response: **20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;**

Leader: 21 To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem;

Response: **22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.**

Leader: 23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

Response: **24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are throughout all generations.**

Leader: 25 Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

Response: **26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall waold like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:**

Leader: 27 But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

Response: **28 The children of Thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before Thee.**